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SUBJ: ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT: TOGO

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1. AS INSTRUCTED REF A, I DELIVERED REF B (ENGLISH TEXT OF FINAL HUMAN RIGHTS NEPORT) TO SECRETARY GENERAL RANDOLPH OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DURING ARRIVAL CEREMONIES THIS MORNING AT AIRPORT FOR ENTENTE PRESIDENTS. (FYI: BOTH COL ALLADAYE AND COL OHOUENS OF PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF BENIN ARE HERE. END FYI)

2. RANDOLPH WAS ABLE TO READ ABOUT HALF OF REPORT BEFORE ARRIVAL S COMMENCED. HE REACTED POSITIVELY, ISAYING THAT REPORT APPEARED TO BE OBJECTIVE AND IN GENERAL TO EMPHASIZE POSITIVE THINGS WHERE TOGO THOUGHT IT WAS TRYING TO DO POSITIVE THINGS. HE SAID HE WOULD GET REPORT TO FOREIGN MINISTER KODJO IN COURSE OF MORNING WITH A VIEW TO PREPARING SUMMARY FOR PRESIDENT EYADEMA SOONEST.

3. LATER, AFTER ARRIVAL CEREMONY, FOREIGN MINISTER SOUGHT ME OUT TO SAY THAT RANDOLPH HAD BRIEFED HIM ON REPORT & I DREW UPON TALKING POINTS REF A AND REMINDED HIM THAT HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING WAS A FUNCTION OF ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION AND THAT REPORTS WERE TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS IMMINENTLY,
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THEREFORE THIS WAS WHY I HAD TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET THE REPORT TO GOT AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE, DESPITE THE HECTIC CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AIRPORT CEREMONY. KODJO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID HE WOULD READ REPORT CLOSELY AND CONTACT ME TO GIVE HIS REACTION. MEANWHILE, HE REAFFIRMED THAT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD MAKE BRIEF SUMMARY OF REPORT FOICPRESIDENT SO HE WOULD NOT BE

SURPRISED BY PRESS REPORTS.

4. TOGOLESE AMBASSADOR TO US KOKOU KEKEH WAS ALSO AT AIRPORT AND I BRIEFED HIM AS WELL AS KIAKOUDOU ABASSEM, DIRECTOR OF CABINET IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S MAN IN THAT MINISTRY.

5. DEPARTURE CEREMONIES FOR PRESIDENTS HOUPHOUET OF IVORY COAST, KOUNTCHE OF NIGER, LAMIZANA OF UPPER VOLTA AND COLONEL OHOUENS REPRESENTING PRESIDENT KEREKOU OF BENIN, ARE TOMORRLW. I EXPECT FOREIGN MINISTER KODJO TO GIVE ME HIS REACTION TO REPORT AT THAT TIME. POSSIBLY, PRESIDENT WILL ALSO HAVE HAD A REACTION BY THEN.

6. EMBASSY PREPARING FRENCH TRANSLATION OF REPORT. PALMER

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